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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in the present application, and <u>for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon</u>, as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Applicant states that the attached references were first cited in a

Communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office (JPO) on 18 January 2005 in
a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above case, *i.e.*, not more than
three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), also attached is an English language Abstract for the cited JP references.

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This Statement is being submitted under 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. In the event that this Statement crosses the mailing date of an Action on the merits for this case, the statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e) is made above. Accordingly, no other requirements are necessary under 37 CFR §1.97(c) for entry and consideration of the attached information.

It is respectfully requested that this Statement be entered and considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 be returned to Applicant as an indication of such entry and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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